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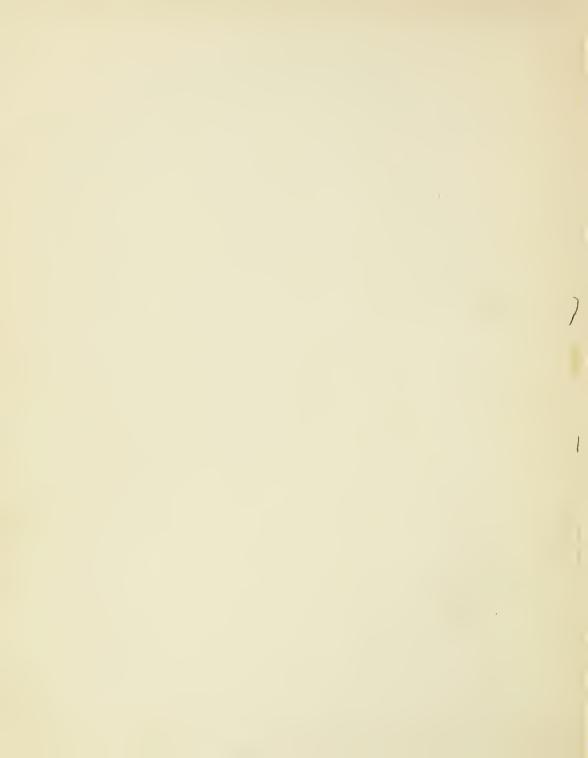
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INTRODUCTION.

It is the aim of the Author, in the following pages, to set forth some of the necessary formalities for the Reception of Patients into Institutions for the Insane, to give as concisely as possible useful information relative to the Lunacy Acts, and to provide a "Guide" which he hopes will be of use to Medical Practitioners and others who may be called upon to administer to the immediate requirements of Persons of Unsound Mind.



CHAPTER I.

Formalities for the Admission of a Private Patient into an Asylum, Hospital, or Licensed House, on an order of a J.P. or other Judicial Authority, with examples and requirements.

Forms for admission of Private Patient into Institution for the Insane. As a general rule, and excepting in cases of extreme urgency (dealt with in Chapter II), a Private Patient can only be received in an Institution for the Insane upon a Reception Order signed by a Justice of the Peace specially appointed under the Lunacy Act of 1890 (or by a County Court Judge or a Stipendiary Magistrate), accompanied by a Petition with a Statement of Particulars attached, and two Medical Certificates by duly Registered Practitioners, which must all be on the *prescribed forms as in the following example:—

^{*} These and all other forms referred to in this book, may be obtained at Messrs. Shaw & Sons, Fetter Lane, E.C., or at any Law Stationer, or at the Asylum to which the patient is to be removed.

Patient.

53 Vict. c. 5.—Sched. 2, Form 3.

Order for Reception of a Private Patient to be made by a Justice appointed under the Lunacy Act, 1890, Judge of County Courts, or Stipendiary Magistrate.

	3, the undersigned Joseph Williams
(a) A Justice for — pecially appointed under the	being (a) a Justice of the Peace for the County of London, specially
unacy Act, 1890; or the udge of the County Court	appointed under the Lunaey Act, 1890,
f —, or the Stipendiary lagistrate for —.	upon the petition of Alfred George,
(b) Address and Occupa-	of (b) 28, Smithfield Road, Deptford, S.E., Builder,
ion.	in the matter of Edward George.
(c) A lunatic or an idiot or	a (c) person of unsound mind accompanied by the
erson of unsound mind.	Medical Certificates of Henry Harris
	and Alfred Lewis
(d) Name of petitioner.	hereto annexed, and upon the undertaking of the said (d)
	Alfred George to visit the said
	Edward George
	personally or by some one specially appointed by the said (d)
	Alfred George once at least in
	every six months while under care and treatment under this Order,
	hereby authorise you to receive the said Edward George
	as a Patient into your House.
(e) Have or have not, as he case may be.	Elnd 3 declare that I have (e) personally seen the said Edward George
	Dated the 17th day of November, 1903.
(f) To be addressed to the Medical Superintendent of he Asylum or Hospital, or o the Resident Licensee of he House in which the Pat-	(Signed) (a) Joseph Williams,
	A Justice for County of London appointed under the above-mentioned Act.
ent is to be placed, or to the person having charge of the	(f) To the Resident Licensee,
aid Lunatic as a Single	Garden House, Croydon.

53 Vict. c. 5-Sched. 2, Form 1.

PETITION FOR AN ORDER FOR RECEPTION OF A PRIVATE PATIENT.

are as follows :--

	In the Matter of	Edward George				
()	_	be of unsound mind.				
(a) — a justice of the peace for —, or his honour	To (a) Joseph Will	liams, Esq., a Justice of the Peace				
the judge of the county court of ——, or —— stipendiary magistrate for ——.	for the	he County of London.				
	The Detition of	Alfred George				
(b) Full postal address,		eld Road. Deptford, S.E., Builder,				
and rank, profession, or oc- cupation.		London.				
(ϵ) At least twenty-one.	1. I am 48	(c) years of age.				
(d) A lunatic, or an idiot, or person of unsound mind. (e) Asylum, or hospital, or house, as the case may be. (f) Insert a full description of the name and locality of the asylum, hospital, or licensed house, or the full name, address, and description of the person who is to take charge of the patient as a single patient. (g) Some day within 14 days before the date of the presentation of the petition. (h) Here state the connection or relationship with the	George (e) Licensed House known 3. I last saw the said at 49, Gran on the (g) 14th 4. I am the (h) said	an Order for the Reception of Edward (d) as a person of unsound mind in the as (f) Garden House, situate at Croydon. d Edward George hby Road, Greenwich, S.E., day of November, 1903. Brother of the Edward George not connected with or related to the				
patient.	Patient, state as follows:—]					
	I am not related to or connected with the said					
	The reasons why this connection are as follows:	Petition is not presented by a relation or :— nder which this Petition is presented by me				

	5. I am not related to or connected with either of the persons
	signing the certificates which accompany this petition as (where the
	petitioner is a man) husband, father, father-in-law, son, son-in-law,
	brother, brother-in-law, partner, or assistant, (or where the petitioner is
	a woman) wife, mother, mother-in-law, daughter, daughter-in-law,
	sister, sister-in-law, partner, or assistant.
	6. I undertake to visit the said Edward George
	personally, or by someone specially appointed by me, at least once in
	every six months while under care and treatment under the Order to
	be made on this Petition.
	7. A Statement of Particulars relating to the said
	Edward George accompanies this Petition.
	If it is the fact, add: 8. The said
(i) Asylum, or hospital, or house, as the case may be.	has been received in (i)under an Urgency Order
	dated the
	The Petitioner therefore prays that an Order may be made in
	accordance with the foregoing Statement.
(k) Full Christian and Surname.	(Signed) (な) Alfred George.
	Date of Preventation of the Potition this 17th
	Date of Presentation of the Petition, thisday
	of November 1903.

Form 2.

Statement of Particulars referred to in the annexed Petition.

If any Particulars are not known, the Fact is to be so stated.

[Where the Patient is in the Petition described as an Idiot, omit the particulars marked *]

The following is a	Statement o	f Particula	rs relatin	g to the said Edward George
Name of Patient with Chi	ristian Name	at length		Edward George
Sex and Age			•••	Male 46
*Married, Single, or Wide	owed		•••	Single
*Rank, Profession, or pre	vious occupa	ation (if an	y)	Publican
*Religious Persuasion		•••	•••	Church of England
Residence at or immediate	ely previous	to the date	hereof	49, Granby Road, Greenwich, S.E.
*Whether First Attack	•••		•••	Yes
Age on First Attack	•••			46
When and where previous as a Lunatic, Idiot, or	sly under Ca Person of U	re and trea nsound Mi	itment) nd. }	Nowhere
*Duration of existing Atta	ack			A Fortnight
Supposed Cause		•••	•••	Unknown
Whether subject to Epilep	osy		•••	No
Whether Suicidal	•••	•••	•••	No
Whether Dangerous to O	thers, and in	what way		No
Whether any near relative	has been aff	licted with	Insanity	No
Names, Christian Names,			``	Alfred George, Brother,
of one or more Relative			}	28. Smithfield Road, Deptford, S.E.
Name of the Person to w sent, and full Postal Ad				As above
Name and full Postal Ac		e usual M	edical {]	Henry Harris,
Attendant of the Patie	ent	•••	···	28, St. Peter's Road. Greenwich, S.E.
	(Sign	ed)		Alfred George
When the Petitioner sconcerning the person wh			signs the	Statement add the following particulars
Name, with Christian				
Rank, profession, or			-	
How related to or ot				
with the patient				

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53 Vict. c. 5, s. 31.	When neither Certificate is signed by the usual Medical Attendant.
	3, the undersigned, hereby state that it is not practicable to obtain a
(a) Name of patient.	Certificate from the usual Medical Attendant of (a)
	for the following reason, viz.—
(b) To be signed by the petitioner.	(Signed) (b)
	190
53 Vict. c. 5, s. 7 (4).	When a Previous Petition has been dismissed
	3, the undersigned, hereby state that a former Petition for the Recep
(a) Name of patient.	tion of (a)
(b) Name of Asylum, hospital, licensed house, or single charge.	was presented to
(c) Justice of the peace for —, or judge of county court of —, or stipendiary magistrate for ——.	in the month of, 190 , and dismissed.

Herewith is a copy (furnished by the Commissioners in Lunacy) of the Statement sent to them of the reasons for its dismissal.

(Signed) ______190

NOTE.—This Copy is to be obtained from the Commissioners in Lunacy by the Petitioner at his own expense.

55 Vict. c. 5.—Sched. D. Form 8.

CERTIFICATE OF MEDICAL PRACTITIONER.

- (a) Insert residence of patient.
 (b)County, City, or Borough
- as the case may be.
 (c) Insert profession or occu-

pation, if any.

- (d') Insert the place of examination, giving the name of the street, with number or name of house, or should there be no number, the Christian and Surname of occupier.
- (c)County, city, or borough as the case may be.
- (g) A lunatic, an idiot, or a person of unsound mind.
- (h) If the same or other facts were observed previous to the time of the examination the certifier is at liberty to subjoin them in a separate paragraph.
- (i) The names and Christian names (if known) of informants to be given, with their addresses and descriptions.
- * Or not to be.
- (k) Strike out this clause in case of a patient whose removal is not proposed.
- (1) Insert full postal address.

311 the matter of	Ed	ward George
of (a)	49, Granby Road.	Greenwich, S.E.
in the (b)		of London
(c)	Publican	
I, the undersign	ned <u>Henry</u> Harris	do hereby certify as follows:
1. I am a pe	rson registered under	the Medical Act, 1858, and I
am in the actual	practice of the medica	al profession.
2. On the	Sixteenth day	y of November, 1903,
at (d)	49, Granby Road,	Greenwich, S.E.
in the (c)	County	of London
(separately from	any other practition	ner) I personally examined the
said	Edward	George
and came to the	conclusion that he is	s(g) a person of unsound mind
and a proper pers	on to be taken char	ge of and detained under care
and treatment.		
3. I formed t	this conclusion on the	e following grounds, viz:—
(a) Facts indic	ating Insanity obser	ved by myself at the time of
examination (h) ,	viz He is delude	ed, i.e., he says he has several
pictures worth th	housands of pounds,	which is not a fact, and that he
has been engaged	d to paint portraits o	fall the Royalty of Europe. He
is rostless in man	ner and somewhat i	ncoherent in speech.
(b) Facts comr	nunicated by others ((i), viz.: Alfred George, his
brother, of 28, Sr	nithfield Road, Depti	ford, S.E., says the Patient has
exalted ideas as	to his wealth, that	he is squandering his money,

Mary Jones, Housekeeper, of 49, Granby Road, Greenwich, S.E., says that the Patient has lately bought large quantities of goods for which he has no use.

and that he wanders aimlessly about the streets at night.

4. The said Edward George appeared to me to be* in a fit condition of bodily health to be removed to an asylum, hospital, or licensed house (k).

5. I give this certificate having first read the section of the Act of Parliament printed below.

	(Signed)	Her	nry Harris	
		St. Peter's	Road, Gree	i, S.E.
Dated this_	16th	day of_	Novemb	1903.

Any person who makes a wilful misstatement of any material fact in a other certificate, or in any statement or report of bodily or mental conditions. Act, shall be guilty of a misdemeanour.—Extract from sec. 317 of the Lun 1890.

53 Vict. c. 5,-Sched. D. Form 8.

(a) Insert residence of patient.

- (b) County, City, or Borough as the case may be.
- (c) Insert profession or occupation, if any.
- (d) Insert the place of examination, giving the name of the street, with number or name of house, or should there be no number, the Christian and Surname of occupier.
- (e) County, city, or borough as the case may be.
- (g) A lunatic, an idiot, or a person of unsound mind.
- (h) If the same or other facts were observed previous to the time of the examination the certifier is at liberty to subjoin them in a separate paragraph.
- (i) The names and Christian names (if known) of informants to be given, with their addresses and descriptions.
- * Or not to be.
- (k) Strike out this clause in case of a patient whose removal is not proposed.
- (1) Insert full postal address.

CERTIFICATE OF MEDICAL PRACTITIONER.				
311 the matter of Edward George				
of (a) 49, Granby Road. Greenwich, S.E				
in the (b) County of London,				
(c) Publican an alleged lunatic.				
I, the undersignedAlfred Lewisdo hereby certify as follows				
1. I am a person registered under the Medical Act, 1858, and am in the actual practice of the medical profession				
2. On the Sixteenth day of November, 190				
at (d) 49. Granby Road, Greenwich, S.E. in the (e) County of London				
in the (e) County of London				
(separately from any other practitioner) I personally examined the said Edward George				
and came to the conclusion that he is (g) a person of unsound min				
and a proper person to be taken charge of and detained under car				
and treatment.				
3. I formed this conclusion on the following grounds, viz:—				
(a) Facts indicating Insanity observed by myself at the time of				
examination (h), viz — He has grandiose delusions, he states he i				
the greatest painter that ever lived, that he owns millions of money				
and can buy up the county. He is rambling, and at times incoheren				
in conversation.				
(b) Facts communicated by others (i), viz.: His brother, Alfre				
George, of 28, Smithfield Road. Deptford, S.E., says that the Patien				
wanders about at all hours of the day and night, and that he i				
squandering all his money.				
4. The said Edward George appeared to me to be* in a fit condition of bodily healt				
appeared to me to be* in a fit condition of bodily health				
to be removed to an asylum, hospital, or licensed house (k).				
5. I give this certificate having first read the section of the Aco of Parliament printed below.				
(Signed) Alfred Lewis				
of (/) 28, Thames Road, Deptford, S.E.				
Dated this 17th day of November, 1903				

Any person who makes a wilful misstatement of any material fact in any medical or other certificate, or in any statement or report of bodily or mental condition under this Act, shall be guilty of a misdemeanour.—Extract from sec. 317 of the Lunacy Act 1890.

In filling in the foregoing forms care must be taken to observe the following crucial points:—

Requirements of Reception Order.

The Reception Order must be signed by a County Court Judge or Stipendiary Magistrate, or, as is more common, by a Justice of the Peace † specially appointed under the Lunacy Act, 1890; if signed by any other J.P. the error may possibly result in re-certification becoming necessary.

The Judicial Authority may or may not see the Patient as he determines.

The Reception Order shall not be made unless the date of the Presentation of the Petition to the Judicial Authority is within seven clear days of the dates of both of the *Medical Examinations, and in the ordinary course the patient must be received into the Asylum, Hospital or Licensed House, as the case may be, within seven clear days of the date of the Reception Order.

The Reception Order can only be legally made on the production to the Judicial Authority of the Petition with the Statement of Particulars, accompanied by two Medical Certificates all duly signed.

The Petition should be signed if possible by a near relative, preferably by the one who has the management of the patient's affairs in his hands for the time being.

The Petitioner must be at least 21 years of age, and must have seen the Patient within 14 days of the date of the Presentation of the Petition to the Judicial Authority.

The Statement of Particulars may be signed by the Petitioner, and the clause respecting the name and address of the usual Medical Attendant must de carefully observed, as one of the certificates should be under his hand. If there is no such Attendant it should be so stated. If there is such Attendant but no certificate is forthcoming from him, the reason should be given as briefly as possible in the space provided for that purpose on the form annexed to the Petition and Statement of Particulars.

Requirements of Petition and Statement of Particulars.

[†] The names and addresses of specially appointed J.Ps. can be obtained at the Asylum to which the patient is to be sent.

^{*} The dates of Medical Examinations apply in these cases, and not the date at the foot of certificates.

Requirements of Medical Certificates.

Of the two Medical Certificates accompanying the Presentation of the Petition, one must be signed by the usual Medical Attendant of the Patient, unless some valid reason for being unable to obtain such Certificate is given by the Petitioner as above mentioned, in this case both Certificates may be given by independent Medical Practitioners.

The two certifying Practitioners, for the purposes of their certificates, must make their examinations separately.

Persons disqualified from signing Medical Certificates.

Medical Certificates must not be signed by any of the following persons:—Father or father-in-law, mother or mother-in-law, son or son-in-law, brother or brother-in-law, sister or sister-in-law, partner or assistant of the other certifying Practitioner; the Petitioner, the person who signed the Urgency Order (if one existed—see Chapter II), the Superintendent, Proprietor, or Medical Attendant of the Asylum, Hospital, or House to which the Patient is to be sent; any person interested in the payments on account of the Patient; or the husband or wife, father or father-in-law, mother or mother-in-law, son or son-in-law, daughter or daughter-in-law, brother or brother-in-law, sister or sister-in-law, partner or assistant of any of the foregoing persons.

Facts indicating Insanity.

Certifying Practitioners should strictly confine the facts noted as indicating insanity (paragraph 3 (a) of the Medical Certificate) to those in evidence at the time of examination only, and in detailing the facts communicated by others (paragraph 3 (b)) the full names, addresses and description of the informants must be given.

Besides other symptoms of insanity, the existence of a well marked delusion or hallucination of one of the special senses is strong evidence of unsoundness of mind, especially if the patient's conduct is thereby affected, and where any such delusion or hallucination exists, the fact should be emphasized.

Persons signing Medical Certificates will not be liable for damages owing to legal proceedings if they act in good faith, and with reasonable care.

CHAPTER II.

THE URGENCY ORDER.

ITS USE, FORM, AND REQUIREMENTS.

The application of the Urgency Order is sometimes rendered essential in cases which require immediate asylum supervision, but it is desirable that it should be made use of as little as possible, and as its name implies, should only be resorted to in urgent cases.

Forms for admission of Private Patient into Institution for the Insane on Urgency Order. The Order should be signed by the nearest relative or connexion available, and must be accompanied by a statement of particulars which is usually signed by the same person, and by one certificate by a duly registered Medical Practitioner, all in the forms prescribed as in the following examples:—

Patient.

53 Vict. c. 5, Sched. 2.

Form of Urgency Order for the Reception of a Private Patient, with Medical Certificate and statement accompanying Urgency Order.

FORMS 4, 2, 8 and 9.

	3, the undersigned, being a Person Twenty-one years of age
	hereby authorise you to receive as a Patient into your House
(b) Name of patient.	(b) Jessie Adams
(c) A lunatic or an idiot or person of unsound mind.	as a (c) person of unsound mind whom I last saw as
•	28, Grove Hill, Canonbury, N.
(d) Some day within two days before the date of the order.	on the (d) 12th day of November, 1903.
	3 am not related to or connected with the Person signing the
(e) Husband, wife, father,	Certificate which accompanies this Order in any of the ways mentioned
father-in-law, mother, mother-in-law, son, son-in-	in the Margin. (e) Subjoined hereto is a Statement of Particulars
law, daughter, daughter-in- law, brother, brother-in-law, sister, sister-in-law, partner, or assistant.	relating to the said Jessie Adams.
	(Signed)
[If not the husband or wife, or a relative of the	Name and Christian Name Harry Charles Adams, at length
patient, the person signing to state as briefly as possible: —I. Why the order is not signed by the husband or	Rank, Profession, or Occupation Clerk,
wife, or a relative of the patient. 2. His or her connection with the patient, and	Full Postal Address 28, Grove Hill, Canonbury, N.
the circumstances under which he or she signs.	How related to or connected Husband.
(f) To be addressed to the Medical Superintendent of the Asylum or Hospital, or to the Resident Licensee of the House in which the Pat-	Dated this 12th day of November, 1903.
ient is to be placed, or to the person having charge of the	(f) To the Resident Licensee,
said Lunatic as a Single	Garden House, Croydon.

Statement of Particulars referred to in the annexed Order.

If any Particulars are not known, the Fact is to be so stated.

[Where the Patient is in the Petition or Order described as an Idiot, omit the particulars marked *]

The following	is a State	ment of	Particula	rs relatin	g to the said
Name of Patient with	Christian	n Name	at length		Jessie Adams
Sex and Age		•••		•••	Female 29
*Married, Single, or V	Vidowed				Married
*Rank, Profession, or	previous	occupat	tion (if an	y)	Housewife
*Religious Persuasion	1		•••	•••	Wesleyan
Residence at or imme		evious to	the date	hereof	28, Grove Hill, Canonbury, N.
*Whether First Attacl				•••	Yes
Age on First Attack			•••	•••	29
When and where prevas a Lunatic, Idiot,	viously un				Nowhere
*Duration of existing	Attack		•••	•••	2 days
Supposed Cause			•••		Heredity
Whether subject to E	pilepsy		1.7.	•••	No
Whether Suicidal	•••				Yes
Whether Dangerous t	to Others	, and in	what way	7	No
Whether any near rela		•	•		Father
Names, Christian Na				` `	Harry Charles Adams, Husband,
of one or more Rel				}	28, Grove Hill, Canonbury, N.
Name of the Person t sent, and full Posta					As above
Name and full Posta	l Address	s of the	usual M	edical)	Edwin Makepeace,
Attendant of the l	Patient	•••	•••	··· }]	34, Gabriel Road, Finsbury Park, N.
(Sig	med)				
Name, with Chri	stian nan	ne at len	gth_		Harry Charles Adams,
When the pe	rson sigi	ning an	Urgenc		is NOT the person who signs the person who signs the Statement.
Rank, profession	, or occuj	pation (i	f any)		
How related to o with the patient	r otherwi	se conne	ect e d 		

53 Vict. c. 5.—Sched. 2, Form 8. CERTIFICATE OF MEDICAL PRACTITIONER.

	311 the matter of	Jess	sie Adams		
(a) Insert residence of			nonbury, N.		
natient	in the (b) County of London,				
as the case may be. (c) Insert profession or occu-			an alleged lunatic.		
pation, if any.	I, the undersigned	Edwin Makepeace	_do hereby certify as follows :		
	1. I am a perso	n registered under t	ne Medical Act, 1858, and I		
	am in the actual pra	ctice of the medical	profession.		
	2. On the	12th day o	of November, 1903,		
(d) Insert the place of ex-	at (d)	28, Grove Hill, Ca	nonbury, N.		
amination, giving the name of the street, with number or name of house, or should	in the (e)	County of	London		
there be no number, the Christian and Surname of	I personally examin	ed the said	Jessie Adams		
occupier. (e) County, city, or borough	and came to the con-	clusion that she is ()	a person of unsound mind		
as the case may be. (f) A lunatic, an idiot, or	and a proper person	to be taken charge	of and detained under care		
a person of unsound mind.	and treatment.				
	3. I formed this	conclusion on the fo	ollowing grounds, viz :—		
	(a) Facts indication	ng Insanity observe	d by myself at the time of		
(g) If the same or other facts were observed previous	examination (g), viz	The Patient st	ates that she hears voices		
to the time of the examination the certifier is at liberty to	which tell her to e	ommit suicide. She	is very depressed and she		
subjoin them in a separate paragraph.	says she is eternally	lost.			
(h) The names and Chris-	(b) Facts commun	icated by others (h) ,	viz.: Her husband, Harry		
tian names (if known) of informants to be given, with			nonbury, N., states that the		
their addresses and descriptions.	patient refuses all fe	ood, and that she is	constantly talking of self-		
	destruction.				

(i) If an urgency certificate is required, it must be added here.—Form No. 9.

* Strike out this clause if it does not apply.

* Or not to be.

(k) Strike out this clause in case of a private patient whose removal is not proposed.

(1) Insert full postal addre	ss.
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[(i) Statement Accompanying Urgency Order.]

3 certify that it is expedient for the welfare of the said

Jessie Adams	[* or for the public safety, as the
case may be] that the said	Jessie Adams
should be forthwith placed und	der care and treatment.
My reasons for this concl-	usion are as follows:
She is refusing nourishment a	and is threatening suicide.
4. The said	Jessie Adams
appeared to me to be *	in a fit condition of bodily health
to be removed to an asylum, h	nospital, or licensed house. (\$\text{\$\ell}\$)
5. I give this certificate h	aving first read the section of the Act of

Dated this 12th day of November,

One Thousand Nine Hundred and Three.

Parliament printed below.

of (/) Signed Edwin Makepeace

of (/) 34, Gabriel Road,

Finsbury Park, N.

Extract from section 317 of the Lunacy Act, 1890.

Any person who makes a wilful misstatement of any material fact in any medical or other certificate, or in any statement or report of bodily or mental condition under this Act, shall be guilty of a misdemeanour Requirements of Urgency Order.

The Urgency Order must be signed by a person of not less than 21 years of age, who must have seen the patient within two days of the date of the order.

The Urgency Order remains in force for seven days from its date and before the expiration of that period must be superseded by the ordinary forms of admission, † all of which have to be obtained in precisely the same manner as the mode of procedure mentioned in Chapter I.

If the Urgency Order is not signed by a Relative, a statement must be added on the order stating the circumstances under which the person signs. (See note on Urgency Order.)

Requirements of Medical Certificate accompanying Urgency Order. The Medical Practitioner ‡ who signs the certificate and statement accompanying the Urgency Order (see page 2 of certificate), need not necessarily be the usual Medical Attendant of the patient. His certificate can be dated before or after the Urgency Order, but the patient cannot be received into an Institution for the Insane after two clear days from the date of the medical examination.*

The Medical Practitioner who gives a certificate in the case of an Urgency Order, is at liberty to sign one of the certificates necessary for obtaining the Reception Order of the Judicial Authority.

[†] Or at least by the legal presentation of the Petition to the Judicial Authority.

[‡] For persons disqualified to give certificates see page 16.

^{*} The date of the medical examination applies, not the date at the foot of the certificate.

CHAPTER III.

The Admission of a Pauper Patient into an Asylum, Hospital or Licensed House. Other modes of admission of Patients into Institutions for the Insane. The transfer of the Insane from one Institution to another.

Admission of Pauper Patients. Pauper Patients are received into Institutions for the Insane through the medium of the Poor Law Infirmaries and the duties of filling in the necessary forms fall upon the Parochial Authorities.

The forms consist of an Order of a Judicial Authority, accompanied by a Statement of Particulars and one Medical Certificate.

Lunatic not under proper control or wandering at large.

Upon notification to the Relieving Officer of the whereabouts of a person of unsound mind not under proper care and control,* (although not a pauper) that official is obliged to act; in the case of a Lunatic wandering at large, the Police may be called upon in the absence of the Relieving Officer, and, as in the case of Pauper Lunatics, the duties of filling in the necessary forms fall upon those officials.

There are various other modes of admission of patients into Institutions for the Insane, such as by order of the Home Secretary, a Master in Lunacy, or the Committee who has been appointed to manage the affairs of a Chancery Lunatic (a), but for the purpose of this short treatise it is undesirable to attempt to give all the numerous details

(a) Accompanied by an Office Copy of the Order appointing such Committee.

^{*} In these cases a Summary Reception Order is made by the Judicial Authority, and a Statement of Particulars and two Medical Certificates are required.

in connection with methods of procedure only to be met with in rare cases and suffice it to say that the average case which one may be called upon to administer to, does not admit of such treatment.

Transfer of the Insane from one Institution to another

Persons of unsound mind may be transferred from one Institution to another and in the case of Private Patients the usual method is by means of a Transfer Order, signed by the Petitioner, or by the person who makes the payments for the maintenance of the patient, on a form supplied at the Office of the Commissioners in Lunacy, which bears the consent of one of that body for the removal.

The transfer of Pauper Patients from one Institution to another must depend upon the requirements of the Parochial Authorities to whom they are, for the time being, chargeable.

It may here be mentioned that in the case of Private Patients who have become destitute owing to the inability of their friends to keep up the necessary payments for maintenance, there are two methods of procedure by which the discharge of the Patient can be avoided:—

Transfer of Private Patients who have become destitute.

Sec. 286. (1) of the Lunacy Act of 1890, provides means for such cases to be transferred to the Pauper Class in Institutions which receive both Private and Pauper Patients.

Sec. 19. (1) of the Lunacy Act of 1891, provides means for Patients to be transferred from a Private Institution to a County Asylum.

CHAPTER IV.

Absence of Patients from Institutions for the Insane on Leave.

The Discharge of Patients from Institutions for the Insane.

Absence of Patients from Institutions on Leave.

Patients who may be deemed by the Medical Authorities of Institutions for the Insane to be in a fit state to be absent from the Asylum on leave, either on trial or for the benefit of their health, may be granted this privilege on an application being made in writing to the Medical Superintendent of the Asylum by the Petitioner or by the person who made the last payment for maintenance. The consent of the Lunacy Commissioners or some other Officials for this purpose has to be obtained by the Authorities of the Asylum if the period of absence is to exceed 48 hours, and it is required that some seven days notice of desire on the part of the friends to take the patient out on leave should be given to the Medical Superintendent of the Asylum, to enable him to obtain the necessary consent.

In cases where the consent of the Lunacy Commissioners is required for patients to be allowed on leave of absence in the care of their friends, it is desirable that the Medical Superintendent of the Institution should apply for such leave to be revocable at any date before the expiration of the period asked for, so that the Patient may return at any time, should occasion require.

In the case of Paupers the arrangements for leave of absence are much the same as in the case of Private Patients, with the addition that in some instances where there is a financial difficulty in supporting a patient while away from the Asylum on such leave of absence, an allowance may be made by the Asylum Officials to the Patient which is in turn defrayed by the Parochial Authorities.

In the event of a patient who is on leave and who has not subsequently been discharged, not returning to the Asylum before the expiration of the term for which leave of absence has been granted, he may be treated as an escaped lunatic, and for a period of 14 days from the date of the expiration of the leave of absence, is liable to be retaken by the Police or other authorities, and in the event of his absence for over 14 days, re-certification necessitating all the forms will be necessary for re-admission.

Discharge of Patients from Institutions.

Patients may be discharged from Institutions for the Insane upon the Authority of the Petitioner, or the person who made the last payment for maintenance, and in the case of Pauper Patients by arrangement between the friends of the Lunatic and the Medical Superintendent of the Asylum, or by order of the Parochial Authorities.

The Medical Superintendent of an Institution in which a person of unsound mind is detained, has the power to discharge the patient if he thinks it desirable, and he also has the power to cause further detention of a person of unsound mind, when from the nature of the case it may be deemed necessary.

CHAPTER V.

The Reception, Restrictions and Discharge of Voluntary Boarders in Institutions for the Insane.

Voluntary Boarders may be received for treatment in certain Institutions for the Insane.

Person unfit to become a Boarder.

Any person who is suffering from delusions or who is otherwise certifiably insane,* is not deemed to be a suitable case for treatment as a Voluntary Boarder.

Request to become a Boarder to be Voluntary.

As the term implies, the request to become a Boarder must be voluntary on the part of the person who wishes to submit himself to treatment.

Conditions as to admission of Boarders.

The conditions as to admission vary according to the nature of the Institution, in some cases the consent of the Commissioners in Lunacy being requisite. It is therefore desirable that either the person who proposes to become a Boarder, or his friends, should enquire as to the mode of admission at the Institution selected.

^{*} In such cases, if admitted as Boarders, subsequent certification is usually carried out in the Institution to which the person has submitted himself for treatment.

Restrictions and Discharge of Boarders.

A Voluntary Boarder, when admitted into an Institution for the Insane, must conform to the rules and regulations therein in force, he can only leave the Asylum with the consent of the Medical Officer in charge, and he is liable at any time to be subjected to such treatment as that Officer may direct. He however has the privilege of giving the Asylum Authorities 24 hours written notice of his intention to quit, and at the expiration of that period he is free to leave if he so desires, unless in the meantime the necessary steps have been taken to certify him as being a person of unsound mind,* in which case he may be detained as an ordinary patient.

^{*} The formalities for certifying a Voluntary Boarder are the same as those mentioned in Chapters I and 2.

CHAPTER VI.

The Treatment of the Insane as Single Patients in Private Care and the necessary formalities for Reception and Detention. Examples of forms for Detention, Discharge, Death, etc., of Private Patients in Institutions or in Private Care.

(The regulations with regard to forms I to II referred to in this chapter, must also be applied in the cases of Private Patients detained in Institutions for the Insane.)

Some cases of insanity admit of treatment † as Single Patients in Private Care, and the formalities for reception as such are the same as those used for Institutions. (See modes of admission, Chapters I., II. and III.)

The person who in consideration of payment receives a certified patient for treatment is required to observe the following * formalities:

Within one clear day of the Reception of the Patient, copies of the admission papers must be forwarded to the Office of the Lunacy Commission, with a Notice of Admission.

Where the admission is by a Reception Order of a Judicial Authority, and such Official has not personally seen the person ordered to be detained before making his order, the Patient must be served within 24 hours of ‡ admission with the notices subjoined, marked 1 and 2 § unless within the same period a certificate (as in form 3 subjoined) has been signed by the Medical Attendant and forwarded to the Office of the Lunacy Commission.

Copies of Admission papers to be sent to Commissioners.

Service of Notices of Right and Desire for Interview with Judicial Authority.

- † Where payment is made, one certified patient only, at one time, may be detained in a private house not licensed for the reception of the Insane, excepting in cases where the Commissioners in Lunacy have sanctioned the admission of more than one person as a Single Patient.
- * These formalities do not apply in cases where the person of unsound mind has been so found by Inquisition; details respecting these cases may be obtained from the Office of the Lord Chancellors Visitors.
- ‡ Where the original admission was on an Urgency Order, then within 24 hours of the subsequent receipt of the Reception Order.
- § If form 2 is signed, the person having charge of the patient must forward the desire to the proper authority. See note at foot of form.

Visitation of Medical Attendant.

The Patient is required to be visited at least once in every two weeks, unless less frequent visits are permitted by the Commissioners in Lunacy, by a Medical Attendant, other than either of the Practitioners who signed the certificates accompanying the order for detention, and who is in no way interested in the payments, and has no connection with the person having charge of the patient. Such Medical Attendant must also be appointed in cases where the person having charge of the patient is himself a medical man.

Visitation of Commiss-

The patient may at any reasonable time be visited by one or more of the Commissioners in Lunacy.

Medical Statement.

After the second, and before the expiration of the seventh day after the day of reception, a report must be sent to the Commissioners in Lunacy as in form 4 subjoined, and another report must be sent to the Commissioners in Lunacy on the expiration of one month after reception as in form 5 subjoined.

Monthly Report.

Medical Journal to be kept.

The Medical Attendant must enter in a Medical Journal for a * Single Patient (to be obtained at any Law Stationer) as soon after admission as possible, a history of the case, with full particulars as to the mental and bodily condition of the patient on admission, and he must at each visit enter in that book the date of his visit and other circumstances in connection with the patient, according to the various headings; such entries must on each occasion bear his signature.

Report as to Patient in January.

The Medical Attendant, or if the patient is in charge of a medical man, such medical man must, on the 10th of January or within seven days of that date in each year, send a report in writing to the Commissioners in Lunacy as to the mental and bodily health of the patient.

^{*} Where a medical man has the case in his care, and visits of another medical attendant have been permitted to be less frequent, he must himself make such entries once at least in every two weeks.

Register of Mechanical Restraint to be kept.

A Register of Mechanical Restraint applied to a Single Patient (to be obtained at any Law Stationer) must be kept by the person having charge of the patient, and where any such restraint has been used it must be recorded in the Register and signed by the Medical Attendant. Copies of all entries (if any) in this Register during the quarter must be made by the person having charge of the patient, and forwarded to the Commissioners in Lunacy every quarter day.

Means of Mechanical Restraint are pointed out in regulations on the matter issued by the Commissioners in Lunacy.

Continuation of Reception Order.

A Reception Order expires at the expiration of one year from its date, unless a certificate signed by the Medical Attendant as in form 6 subjoined is sent to the Commissioners in Lunacy, not more than one month, or less than * seven days before the end of such year. To keep a Reception Order in force for a still further period such certificate must again be sent at the expiration of the second year, then at the expiration of the fourth year, again at the expiration of the seventh year, and then every succeeding five years. The same margin of days is required for each report as in the case of the certificate at the end of the first year.

Notice of Recovery.

If the patient recovers, notice must be sent to the person who placed the patient in charge, or to the person who made the last payment for maintenance. It must be stated in such notice, that if not removed within seven days the patient will be discharged.

Notice of Death.

If the patient dies, notice must be sent within 48 hours as in form 7 subjoined, to the Commissioners in Lunacy, the Coroner, the Registrar of Deaths, the relation, or one of the relations mentioned in the statement of particulars accompanying the Reception Order, and to the person upon whose Petition the Reception Order was made, or who made the last payment for maintenance.

^{*} Exclusive of date of writing and posting certificate (8 days in all).

Consent of Commissioners required for removal to other care.

Notices of discharge, removal, escape or recapture.

Permission to be obtained from Commissioners for Patient to go to another address.

Notice of change of residence to be sent to Commissioners.

Letters to be forwarded.

Penalties for neglect of regulations.

The Patient cannot be removed to other care without the consent of the Commissioners in Lunacy.

Notice must be given to the Commissioners in Lunacy immediately upon the discharge, removal, escape or recapture of the patient, as in forms 8, 9, 10 and 11 subjoined.

If it is desired to send the patient away to another address for the benefit of his health or otherwise, for any period, permission to do so must be obtained from the Commissioners in Lunacy.

When a person in charge of a Single Patient desires to change his residence and to take the patient with him, he must give seven clear days notice to the Commissioners in Lunacy and to the person who signed the Reception Order upon which the patient is detained.

All letters addressed to the Lord Chancellor, a Secretary of State, a Judge in Lunacy, a Commissioner in Lunacy, or to the person upon whose petition the order was made, must be forwarded unopened.

Neglect of some of the foregoing regulations may render the offender liable to a fine or imprisonment or both.

Form I—(See page 29).

Name and address of		
Institution or House.	*	

Notice of Right to Personal Interview.

To Mr. Edward Smith.

Take Thotice that you have the right, if you desire it, to be taken before or visited by a Justice, Judge of County Courts, or Magistrate. If you desire to exercise such right, you must give me notice thereof by signing the enclosed Form (a) on or before the 22nd (b) day of December. 1903.

Dated this 15th day of December, 1903.

(Signed)

(c)_____

(c) To be signed by the Superintendent of the Asylum or Hospital or Resident Licensee of the House, or by the person having charge of the case as a Single Patient.

NOTE.—This Notice to be given to the Patient within 24 Hours after Reception, unless Certificate in Form 3 has been signed and sent to the Commissioners.

⁽a) Notice of desire to have personal interview. Form 2.

⁽b) Some day within seven days after reception of patient.

Form 2—(See page 29).

Notice of Desire to have a Personal Interview.

	Dated19
Address.	*
	3 desire to be taken before or visited by a Justice, Judge, or
	Magistrate having jurisdiction in the District within which I am
	(Signed)

NOTES.—When signed, this Notice must be forthwith transmitted by post in a prepaid Registered Letter, addressed to the Justice, Judge, or Magistrate who is to see the Patient, or the Clerk to the Justices of the Petty Sessional Division or Borough where the Patient is.

In forwarding this Notice the name of the Judicial Authority who signed the Reception Order should be mentioned, as that official is not eligible to act.

Form 3—(See page 29).

Name and address of \ Institution or House. \

Certificate as to Personal Interview after Reception.

(a) Name of the Patient,

3 Certify that it would be prejudicial to (a)

Henry

Williams

to be taken before or visited by a Justice, a

Judge of County Courts, or Magistrate.

(Signed)

Alfred Johnson, M.D.

(b) Or by the Medical Superintendent of the Asylum, Hospital, or House.

(b) Medical Attendant of the said Henry Williams.

Dated this 18th day of December 1903.

F	`orm 4-	–(See p	age 30).	
Name and address Institution or Hous	of)			
MEDI	CAL	STA	TEMENT	•
	_	have this	day (a) seen and	examined
admitted * to the H	louse of F1	rancis Coles		
on the12th	(lay of	December,	1903
and bereby cert	ify that,	with respe	ct to Mental State	e, she (b
is demented and for	rgetful, sh	e does not	know the day of	the week
and she has a delus	ion that sl	he is subjec	ted to electrical t	reatment
which causes her b	odily ills.			
and that with res		odily Healt	h and Condition	, she (b
Dated the	16th	day of	December,	1903
	Signed)	Alfred Johnson	

(c) Or Medical Officer of the Institution.

(a) Some day not less than two clear days, nor more than seven clear days after the admission of the

* Or as the case may be.

(b) Describing it.

patient.

(c) Medical Attendant of the said Susan Walker.

Form	5(See	page	30).
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Name and address of	}	
Institution or House.	5	

REPORT AS TO PRIVATE PATIENT.

To be sent at the expiration of one calendar month after Reception.

* Describe the name of the Institution or House. 3 have this day seen and examined Edward Jones received in the * House of Francis Coles, as a Single Private Patient, on the 14th day of December, 1903, and report that with respect to mental condition he is exalted, he is deluded that he is a qualified chemist, and also that he has walked the hospitals for five years, and is qualified to prescribe and dispense medicines for other people, the patient having always been a clerk in a commercial office.

and that with respect to

bodily condition he is in good health.

Dated the 14th day of January,

1904.

(a) Or by the Medical Officer of the Institution.

(Signed) Alfred Johnson, M.D.

(a) Medical Attendant of the said Edward Jones.

PRIVATE	PAT	IENT.
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Form 6—(See page 31).

Name and address of \	
Institution or House.	

SPECIAL REPORT & CERTIFICATE.

Rules made by the Commissioners in Lunacy, Form 20,

* (For use by Commis-	Name of Patient	Edward Morris			
ioners in Lunacy only.)	Date of Admission	17th	day of	October,	1904
	Date of Reception Order	16th	day of	October,	1904

*No.

3 bave this day Seen and Examined the above-named Patient, and beg to report that, with regard to mental condition, he is deluded, he says he is the possessor of great wealth, and that he is supporting all the hospitals in London. He is somewhat childish in his manner,

and with regard to bodily condition, he is in good health.

And 3 bereby certify that he is still of unsound mind, and a proper person to be detained under care and treatment.

(a) Or by the Medical Officer of the Institution.

Alfred Johnson, M.D.

(a) Medical Attendant of the said Edward Morris.

Dated the 6th day of October, 1905.

Form 7—(See page 31).

Name and address of Institution or House.

NOTICE OF DEATH.

Date of Reception Order, the

17th

day of

June.

1894.

3 bereby give you Motice, That

Harry Martin

Private 20th

day of

Patient, received into this June.

House 1894, died therein on the

Signed (a)

1903.

20th

day of

December,

Alfred Johnson, M.D., Medical Attendant.

Dated the

21st

day of

December.

One Thousand

on the

Nine Hundred and Three.

To the Commissioners in Lunary, (or as the case may be).

STATEMENT RESPECTING THE ABOVE-NAMED PATIENT.

Name

Sex and age -

Married, single, or widowed -

Profession or occupation

Place of abode immediately before being) placed under care and treatment (if known)

Apparent cause of death

Whether or not ascertained by post-mortem) examination

Time and any unusual circumstances attend-) ing the death; also a description of any injuries known to exist at time of death or found subsequently on body of deceased

Duration of disease of which patient died

Names and description of persons present at) the death

Whether or not mechanical restraint was applied to deceased within seven days previously to death, with its character and duration, if so applied

Harry Martin

Male 44

Single

Clergyman

4, North Road, Finchley

Phthisis

No

8.20 a.m.

None

4 months

Agnes James, Nurse

No

Signed (b)

Alfred Johnson, M.D., Medical Attendant.

⁽a) Or Clerk of Asylum, or Medical Officer of Hospital or House.

⁽b) Or Medical Officer of Asylum, Hospital or House.

Form 8—(See page 32).

Name and	address of	
Institution -	or House.	

3 bereby give you Motice, That

NOTICE OF DISCHARGE.

Date of Reception Order, the 24th day of October, 1903.

a Private			Patient, 1	is House	House	
	on the	26th	day of	October,	1903, was discha	rged
	therefr	rom (a)	recovered	on the	27th	day
	of 1	November,	1903, by the	e Authority of	(b) the Petition	er.

(a) Or relieved, or not improved.

(b) Or as the case may be.

(c) Clerk, or Superintendent, or Resident Licensee, or the person having charge of the said lunatic as a single patient.

(c)	,			

Herbert Smith

Dated the

day of

(Signed)

1903.

Name and address of Institution or House.							
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	NOTICE OF REMOVAL.
	Date of Reception Order, the 27th day of November, 1903.
	3 bereby give you Motice, That Edward Wilson
	a Private Patient, received into this House on the 27th
	day of November, 1903, was, on the 1st day of
(a) Mentioning the Asylum, &c., relieved, or not improved.	January, 1904, removed to (a) Garden House, Croydon
(b) Or as the case may be.	Not improved, by the Authority of (b) the Petitioner.
	(Signed)
(c) Clerk, or Superintendent, or Resident Licensee, or the person having charge of the said lunatic as a single	(c)

(ε) Clerk, or Superintendent, or Resident Licensee, or the person having charge of the said lunatic as a single patient.

Dated the

day of

19 .

Form 10—(See page	32)	
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Name and address of	
Institution or House.	

NOTICE OF ESCAPE.

3 bereby give you Motice That Edward Ross

a Private Patient, received into this House on the

11th day of October, 1903, escaped therefrom on
the 18th day of October, 1903.

The state of mind of the Patient at the time of his escape was as follows: [describe it] He was the subject of delusions of suspicion. Stated that he was being plotted against, and that people were talking secretly against him. He was given to violently assaulting those about him.

The circumstances and manner of the escape were as follows:

[state them] He escaped over the wall while walking in the garden.

(a) Clerk, or Superintendent, or Resident Licensee, or the person having charge of the said lunatic as a single patient.

(Signed)	 	
(a)		

Dated the 18th day of October, 1903.

Form 11—(See page 32).

NOTICE OF RECAPTURE.

3 bereby give you Motice That Edward Ross. Private a Patient, who was received into this House on the 11th day of October, 1903, and escaped therefrom on the 18th day of October, 1903, was, on the 21st day of October, 1903, recaptured under the following circumstances: [state them] He violently assaulted a foot-passenger and was brought before a Police Magistrate who ordered his return to the above address.

(Signed)_____*

Dated the 21st day of October, 1903.

^{*} Clerk, or Superintendent, or Resident Licensee, or the person having charge of the said lunatic as a single patient.

CHAPTER VII.

The Choice of an Asylum, with a list of some of the leading Institutions for the Reception of Private Patients.

The nature of the case.

The person upon whom the duty devolves of selecting the most desirable Institution for a Patient should primarily consider both the nature of the case, and the funds which are available for his maintenance.

Acute cases, especially where homicidal or suicidal symptoms exist, generally demand immediate Asylum supervision, and the most convenient, or nearest available Institution, may for the time being be advantageously selected; the fact being borne in mind that the Patient may subsequently be removed, without recertification becoming necessary, to another Asylum should such a course be expedient.

Consultation with Medical Practitioner.

The Medical Practitioner in attendance on any Patient should be consulted as to whether a case may be considered to be acute and to require immediate Asylum care, or whether it is of a subacute or chronic nature, in which latter instances it may be desirable to select an Institution at which the Patient may remain either permanently, or at least for some reasonable period.

Acute cases and Registered Hospitals for the Insane, Hospitals for the Insane are particularly adapted for the treatment of acute cases, especially when such cases are deemed to be of a recoverable nature.

Besides the County Asylums, a number of which make arrangements for the Reception of Private Patients, the following is a list of some of the leading Institutions for the treatment of the Insane:—

HOSPITALS.

CHESHIRE Manchester Royal Lunatic Hospital, Cheadle.

DEVONSHIRE Wonford House, Exeter.

GLOUCESTERSHIRE Barnwood House, Gloucester.

LINCOLNSHIRE Lincoln Lunatic Hospital, The Lawn, Lincoln.

MIDDLESEX St. Lukes Hospital, Old Street, London, E.C.

NORFOLK Bethel Hospital, Norwich.

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE St. Andrews Hospital, Northampton.

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE Nottingham Lunatic Hospital, The Coppice,

Nottingham.

OXFORDSHIRE Warneford Asylum, Headington Hill, Oxford.

STAFFORDSHIRE Charitable Institution for the Insane, Coton Hill,

Stafford.

SURREY Bethlem Royal Hospital, Lambeth Road, S.E.

Holloway Sanatorium, St. Anns Heath, Virginia

Water.

YORK CITY, N.R. York Lunatic Hospital, Bootham Park, York.

,, ,, E.R. The Retreat, York.

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MILITARY & NAVAL HOSPITALS.

HAMPSHIRE Royal Military Hospital, Netley, Southampton.

NORFOLK Royal Naval Hospital, Yarmouth.

LICENSED HOUSES.

LONDON & METROPOLITAN DISTRICT.

BETHNAL GREEN, N.E.

BOW, E.

CAMBERWELL, S.E.

CHISWICK

CLAPTON (Upper), N.E.

FINSBURY PARK, N. HAYES, UXBRIDGE

,, ,

HILLINGDON, UXBRIDGE

ISLEWORTH

KENSINGTON (West), W.

PECKHAM, S.E.

ROEHAMPTON, S.W.

SOUTHEND, CATFORD

STREATHAM HILL

SUNBURY

TOOTING COMMON, S.W.

Bethnal House

Grove Hall.

Camberwell House, (33, Peckham Road).

Chiswick House.

Brooke House.

Northumberland House, (Green Lanes).

Wood End House.

Hayes Park.

Moorcroft House.

Wyke House.

Otto House, (47, North End Road).

Peckham House, (112, Peckham Road).

The Priory.

Flower House.

Fenstanton.

Halliford House.

Newlands House.

PROVINCIAL.

BEDFORDSHIRE

DERBYSHIRE

DEVONSHIRE

DURHAM

"GLOUCESTERSHIRE

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KENT

LANCASHIRE

"

(Liverpool City)

"

NORFOLK (Norwich City)

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Springfield House, Bedford.

Wye House, Buxton.

Plympton House, Plympton.

Dinsdale Park, Darlington.

Middleton Hall, Middleton St. George.

Northwoods, Winterbourne, Bristol.

Fairford House, Fairford.

Redlands, Hadlow, Tonbridge.

West Malling Place, West Malling.

Haydock Lodge, Ashton, Newton-le-Willows.

Marsden Hall, Nelson.

The Brook Villa, Liverpool.

Shaftesbury House, Formby, Liverpool.

Heigham Hall, Norwich.

The Grove, Old Catton, Norwich.

SHROPSHIRE

Stretton House, Church Stretton.

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Grove House, All Stretton.

Boreatton Park, Baschurch, Near Shrewsbury.

SOMERSETSHIRE

Brislington House, Bristol.

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Bailbrook House, Bath Easton.

STAFFORDSHIRE

Ashwood House, Kingswinford, Dudley.

SUSSEX

Ticehurst House, Wadhurst.

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St. Georges Retreat, Burgess Hill.

WARWICKSHIRE

Glendossill, and Hurst House, Henley in Arden.

WILTSHIRE

Fisherton House, Salisbury.

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Fiddington House, Market Lavington, Devizes.

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Laverstock House, Salisbury.

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Kingsdown House, Box.

YORKSHIRE

Thundercliffe Grange, Kimberworth, Rotherham.

,, (York City)

The Pleasaunce, Heworth.

CHAPTER VIII.

Information respecting Private Patients for the use of Justices of the Peace Specially appointed under the Lunacy Act of 1890.

Before a Reception Order * for the admission of a Private Patient is signed, the following papers should be presented to the Judicial Authority:—

- 1. A Petition.—The date of the presentation of which to the Justice of the Peace should not be prior to the dates of either of the Medical Certificates which accompany it. The Petitioner must also have seen the Patient referred to in the Petition, within 14 days of the date of presentation.

 (For form of Petition see pages 9, 10, 12).
- 2. A Statement of Particulars.—(For form of Statement see page 11.)
- 3. Two Medical Certificates.—The dates of the medical examinations (not the dates at the foot of the certificates) should be within seven clear days of the date of the presentation of the Petition.

(For form of Certificates see pages 13, 14).

None of the above mentioned papers may be retained by the Judicial Authority.

The Judicial Authority who signs a Reception Order must not be a relative either of the Patient or of the Petitioner.

If the Judicial Authority is not satisfied that there is sufficient evidence on the Certificates to make a Reception Order, he is at liberty to appoint as early a time as possible (not being more than seven days after the presentation of the Petition) for the consideration

^{*} For form of Order see page 8. The J.P. should be careful to state in the space provided on the Order, that he is specially appointed under the Lunacy Act of 1890.

thereof, and he may make any inquiries respecting the alleged lunatic that he may think fit. Notice of the time and place for the consideration of the Petition, unless personally given to the Petitioner, shall be posted to him in a registered letter at the address named on the Petition. (For the period of any further adjournment see Lunacy Act, 1890, Sec. 6. (4)).

If the Judicial Authority finally signs or refuses a Reception Order, he shall if required give such information to the Commissioners in Lunacy as that body may require.

The Act of 1890 provides that the Judicial Authority may or may not see a Private Patient before signing the Reception Order, as he may determine, (Pauper Patients must in all cases be seen) but having regard to the spirit of the Act it would be more satisfactory to arrange for an interview in all cases where such a course is convenient.

If a Justice of the Peace signs a Reception Order without having seen the Patient, he is not eligible to respond to the Notice of Desire (which see) to see a Judicial Authority, made by the Patient who is detained upon such Order.

In cases where a Judicial Authority visits a Patient after reception, in response to the Notice of Desire for such personal interview, the Justice of the Peace shall be entitled to see the Certificates upon which the Reception Order was made, and after the interview he shall send a report to the Commissioners in Lunacy.

If a Reception Order for the admission of a Private Patient has been made by a Justice of the Peace who is not specially appointed under the Lunacy Act of 1890, and the Patient has been detained under his Order, such Order after having been submitted by the person having charge of the Patient, to the Commissioners in Lunacy and with the sanction of that body, can be rendered valid by a Justice of the Peace who is specially appointed under the Act, endorsing and dating same, within fourteen days of the reception of the Patient, care being taken not to in any way erase the date and signature of the J.P. who originally made the Order.

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